presented a paper on 'International Cooperation in fight against economic offences' in the 72nd General Assembly of Interpol at Benidorm (Spain). During his speech, he *inter alia* stated that the corrosive activities of international criminals in the post cold war era no longer threaten particular countries or regions. They threaten all the nations. Organised economic crime is not only a law enforcement problem, it is a formidable and increasing threat to international security. Legal expertise is effectively used by international criminals to protect themselves from investigations and prosecutions.

'Police' and Public Order' are State subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India. The detection, registration, investigation and prevention of crimes is the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Central Government have issued guidelines to the State Governments from time to time to give more focused attention to improving the criminal justice system. The conviction rate of such criminals is not maintained separately.

Financial assistance to States

1626. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the State-wise details of financial assistance/loan sanctioned and the amount released by the Union Government for drought and flood relief during the current year 2003-04; and

(b) the source and utilisation status of amount released for the same, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SWAMI CHINMAYANAND): (a) and (b) During the current financial year (2003-04), drought like situation has been reported by the States of Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Maharashtra. Sixteen States reported floods of varying magnitude during the South-West Monsoon period-2003. Under the existing scheme for relief expenditure based on the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission, the State Governments are required to undertake response and relief measures out of the corpus of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) to which the Central Government contributes 75%. In case of calamities of severe nature,

additional assistance is also provided by the Central Government from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) after following the established procedure. The State-wise details of CRF allocations and releases from the NCCF during the year 2003-04, so far, to the affected States are given in the Statement.

Statement

Allocation of CRF to the States affected by floods during South West Monsoon 2003 and drought 2003-04 and funds released from NCCF

(Rs. in crore)

		CRF-2003-04		Funds released from
Sl. No.	State	Centre's Share	Total	NCCF-2003-04
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh*	171.96	229.28	
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	10.44	13.92	
3.	Assam	88.12	117.49	
4.	Bihar	58.14	77.52	
5.	Chhattisgarh	23.85	31.8	
6.	Gujarat	140.13	186.84	
7.	Himachal Pradesh	37.75	50.33	
8.	Karnataka**	64.74	86.32	115.86(D)
9.	Kerala	58.38	77.84	
10.	Madhya Pradesh	54.39	72.51	
11.	Maharashtra**	136.49	181.99	
12.	Meghalaya	3.42	4.56	
13.	Orissa	95.04	126.72	104.43(F)
14.	Rajasthan	179.72	239.6	

1	2	3	4	5
15.	Uttar Pradesh	127	169	
16.	Uttaranchal	28.1	37.47	
17.	West Bengal	87.78	117.04	
	TOTAL :	1365.45	1820.59	220.29

NOTE:

*Andhra Pradesh affected by drought

**Karnataka and Maharashtra affected by flood and drought

(d) for Drought Relief

(F) for Flood Relief

Conspiracy hatched to murder Deputy Prime Minister

1627. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a conspiracy hatched to murder Deputy Prime Minister was detected in the State of Maharashtra where the conspirators managed to escape;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken against the concerned officers for dereliction and negligence of duties?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) A conspiracy was hatched during July-September 2001 by a group of nine gangsters of Chhota Shakeel gang in Mumbai to assassinate Deputy Prime Minister during his visit to Lucknow on September 22-23, 2001. The police arrested seven conspirators from Mumbai, Chennai and Bangalore on different dated from October 9-11, 2001. Two conspirators moved to Bangkok from Chennai before they were identified. As such, there was no negligence/dereliction of duties on the part of any officer.